

Title: ClassNK releases "Guidelines for Type Approval of Products for Marine Use for EU Mutual Recognition"

ClassNK releases new guideline setting forth procedures for conducting Type Approval by the Society necessary for marine products covered by EU Mutual Recognition and the applicable technical requirements.

European Union requires the twelve classification societies recognized by the EU (hereafter described as EU ROs*) to mutually recognize the class certificates for materials, equipment and components issued by other EU ROs, in appropriate cases, in Article 10 of REGULATION (EC) No 391/2009**, which entered into force in June 2009 (hereafter described as EU Mutual Recognition).

In response to this requirement, the EU ROs agreed to apply EU Mutual Recognition in a phased manner and developed a common procedure for type approval and technical requirements for 11 items*** as the first phase. Technical requirements were developed to cover all relevant rules of EU ROs.

This guideline sets forth procedures for conducting Type Approval by ClassNK necessary for marine products covered by EU Mutual Recognition and the applicable technical requirements for 11 items, based on procedures and technical requirements developed by EU ROs.

ClassNK starts accepting application of the Type Approval of marine products in accordance with this Guideline as from 1 January 2013.

*EU ROs: ABS (USA), BV (France), CCS (China), DNV (Norway), GL (Germany), KR (Korea), LR (UK), NK (Japan), PRS (Poland), RINA (Italy), RINA VE (Portugal), RS (Russia)

** "REGULATION (EC) No 391/2009 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 April 2009 on common rules and standards for ship inspection and survey organizations" Article 10

*** Circuit-Breakers, Fuses, Switches, Contactors, LV Transformers, LV Enclosures & Boxes, Electric Driven Motors < 20kW, Display Monitors / Video Screens / Terminals, Mechanical Joints, Resin Chocks, Sensors

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